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1. About 1900 hours on 15 June 1954, three aircraft landed successively at Riga/Spilve airfield (N 56-59, E 24-09), coming from the west over the harbor area. The aircraft were twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes, apparently transports. Each had a single rudder assembly and 12 cabin windows. About 20 aircraft of this type and 26 MIG-15s were parked at the field. A large hangar and a large workshop or administrative building were located in the southeastern corner of the field. The concrete road around the field was frequently used by motor vehicles and buses. 25X1
2. About 0800 hours on 16 June, 10 twin-engine, propeller-driven aircraft took off in rapid succession and disappeared on a course of 90 to 100 degrees. The aircraft did not assemble in formation.
3. Between 15 and 17 June, 23 fighters and eight to ten twin-engine transports were observed at the field. There was no air activity although the weather was good. There was a ceiling of 800 to 1,000 meters and moderate variable winds. Three or four old hangars were located at the field. A concrete taxiway ran around the field. The landing field was covered with high grass so that no runway could be observed. Each fighter had a nose wheel, a jet engine in the fuselage, swept-back wings, and an elevator assembly high on the swept-back rudder assembly. The rudder assembly slightly projected beyond the round aperture in the rear of the fuselage. The transports were low-wing monoplanes with radial engines, four-bladed propellers, nose wheels, and single rudder assemblies. 25X1

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